



Prayer Requests and Family News for April 3

Colossians 4:2

“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.”

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If you did not see last Sunday's video message from Michael, it will still be on the church website. It is called: *“For Uncertain Times”*. There is also an important audio message you should hear from him on our website. There will be a new video message downloaded for this Sunday along with an encouraging word from one of our elders, **Andy Ponder**. **It is all available on our church website** (dgchurch.org). Please keep the church office and/or our elders aware of any needs you have, God bless you.

A special note from Michael: We live in strange times. So called experts and scientists seem to be learning new things about the Covid-19 virus as we go along and thus regular changing their forecasts for what we should expect. The latest news (even though this could change again in a few days) is that 25 percent of the population of the United States will contract the Coronavirus. 1 in 4. That gets my attention. Plus, the realization that many will have the virus without symptoms but carry it within them and will infect others. And since we barely have enough testing kits to check those with symptoms we just don't know who has the virus and who doesn't. Now, I tell you that not to scare you, but I have never known a more uncertain time in my life than this time.

I ordered a new ear piece for my phone and it came in a box from China a while back... I stared at the box for two weeks before I opened it because I thought

the coronavirus might well be on or in the box. Silly, I know. But it is the kind of paranoia that all of us potentially face. So I suggest this is NOT the time for fear and out of control worry. HOWEVER, as this virus impacts our lives in the weeks ahead let's remember the power of prayer. Let's get down on our knees or whatever we can do to humble ourselves before the Lord and call on Him to protect our medical professions, our nation, our state, and our church family. Please be careful out there but do not be afraid. We claim *the peace that transcends all understanding* (Phil 4:7). God will find a way to bless us even during such a time as this.

Michael

Prayer Requests

Dave Hopkins: Please pray. I am still having headaches and acid reflux problems. I am also having loss of sensation in the finger on my left hand. Thank you for the prayers and cards.

Katrina Swaim: Please pray for **Amber & Daniel**, whose job searches have obviously gotten much more difficult in the current situation. Pray for all those who are struggling financially with fallout from the shutdown. Pray that God's people will shine the light in the hard times ahead.

Marsha Becker: Please pray for the healthcare workers who cannot stay home, and are at the bedside and in the community helping those who are sick. Please pray for those workers who have been asked to stay home and wonder how to pay bills. Please pray for human resilience and kindness.

Shelia Bucher: My friend, **Denise Michael** works in health care and she needs our prayers. My friend, **Mollie Ryan** needs prayers for safety as well. She is a health caregiver in Kootenai County. My nurse friend from my classroom works at Crest Home Health and Hospital. Her husband is a truck driver so **Brad** needs our prayers as well. Thankful for so many blessings but I feel the need to share my concerns with my church family. My cousin is a nurse and she has recently broken down in tears over having to work without the equipment she needs to stay safe while taking care of her patients. Please pray the hospitals and nursing homes will get what they need to stay safe. This is real folks. We need to be praying for those on the front lines of this epidemic. Most people are social distancing but our community depends on good healthy caregivers.

Shirley Dietz: My sister, **Elvira** passed away on Friday morning. She was cared for by her daughter, **Charlotte**, who attends a Church of Christ in Lubbock, Texas. Please pray for their family.

Becky Essary: Please pray for **Conner**. He is a young man dealing with his mother's death.

Andy & Darcy Ponder: **Darcy's** youngest sister **Debra** recently passed away unexpectedly. Please keep **Darcy**, her mother, **Sonja** and two sisters **Dee** and **Dawn** in your prayers.

Brenda Harlan: Please keep the housing situation with **Nolan & Emily Moore** in prayer. They are having to wait on home loan paperwork because of the pandemic. Keep **Tom Chaney** in prayer as well.

Thanksgivings and blessings

Katrina Swaim: I'm thankful that my dad's illness turned out to be a short bug and not COVID-19. I'm thankful for all the blessed family time we're enjoying in the midst of all the craziness. I'm thankful for the loving care of our church family. We are so blessed!

Marsha Becker: I am grateful for this church family that sends out prayers and virtual hugs every day!

Rod Bristol: I'm thankful for the many people who are sacrificing both their wants and their necessities to protect the lives of vulnerable people like me. I thank you and I thank God for you.

Whitney Frisk: Praise God! **Nathan** was negative for Covid-19 and he is feeling much better! So are the kiddos! Yay!

Family News

In one of the stranger weddings scenes... **Michael** performed a wedding ceremony for **Janelle Berkemeier** and her fiancé, **Jim Burton** while practicing social distancing. Congratulations **Jim & Janelle!** May God bless your union!

There are only two workers in heavy protective gear, continuing to work on our lobby. They are texturing and painting with several coats all the ceiling

and wall spaces. About the only good part to the church suspending our gathering is that these workers are able to work on the project seven days a week. Painting should be done by next week and then the new coffee bar will go in and new carpet will go down.

The **Church Office** will have reduced hours due to the virus and construction. We are planning to be here Monday – Friday. Please call with any needs or prayer requests.

Wanting to take the Lord's Supper in your home during this time of voluntary quarantine? Hope you do. Please feel free to come by the church building ask **Ronda** for a package of individually sealed communion bread and juice. We heard a story about one of our church families that had no grape juice in the house so they used tomato juice (a different kind of fruit of the vine), but I believe the Lord understands. Still, we want you to know these communion sets are safe and available at the church office.